

House Resolution No. 1026

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone attainments by Show-Me State businesses that are dedicated to maintaining and improving examples of buildings, structures, or areas that illuminate life in the past for the benefit of current and future generations; and

Whereas, serving as a focus in the fight against abandoning and destroying an area's historical, social, and educational significance, Concord Publishing House will receive the prestigious Preserve Missouri Award from Missouri Preservation (the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation) at a special recognition ceremony to be held in the State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, March 8, 2007; and

Whereas, owned and operated by the Rust family of Cape Girardeau, Concord Publishing House produces the Southeast Missourian newspaper in facilities located in the Southeast Missourian Building; and

Whereas, constructed in the Spanish Revival style of architecture, the Southeast Missourian Building needed interior upgrades and full-scale historic rehabilitation on the exterior due to badly chipped hand-painted facade tiles and glazed tile murals on the side walls, a decorative street-level bay window that had been converted into an entry door, and badly neglected exterior wood trim; and

Whereas, the inside of the Southeast Missourian Building had wainscoting in the main room that had been painted over, decorative tin ceilings that were obscured by dropped ceilings, and mechanical and electrical systems that were dated and insufficient to meet the demands of modern printing and computer equipment; and

Whereas, thanks to Historic Tax Credit and the local Main Street program, the Southeast Missourian Building has been restored to its original splendor, and space planning has resulted in state-of-the-art facilities that meet the needs of the newspaper; and

Whereas, Missouri Preservation was founded in 1976 as the Missouri Heritage Trust to protect Missouri's irreplaceable historic resources by instilling a preservation ethic state wide through the "Missouri Preservation News", a web site, and partnership with the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Natural Resources:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant labors and tremendous success embodied in the work of Concord Publishing House and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes upon its receipt of a well-deserved Missouri Preservation Preserve Missouri Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Concord Publishing House of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Nathan D. Cooper
District No. 158

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1026, adopted March 6, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker